



ABF CAREER PATH (AW)



Aviation Boatswain's Mates – (Fuels) play a major role in launching and recovering naval aircraft from land (Naval Air Stations) or ships (CVN/LHA/LHD); this includes fueling/defueling of aircraft ashore and afloat. Duties include: operating, maintaining and performing organizational maintenance on aviation fueling and lubricating oil systems on CVNs/LPHs/LPDs; maintaining fuel quality surveillance and control in aviation fuel systems; and training, directing and supervising fire fighting teams.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/Shore Flow	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	ABCM	23.7 Yrs	CMC	36	4 th Shore Tour Billet: LCPO/CMC/Dept LCPO. Duty: Staff/School. Qualification: SEA.
23-26	ABCM ABFCS	23.7 Yrs 19.6	CMC, CWO	48	4 th Sea Tour Billet: Air Dept LCPO/V-4 Division LCPO/Amphibious A/C Handling Off. Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD. Qualification: SEA.
20-23	ABFCS	19.6 Yrs	CMC, CWO	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/Fuel Farm LCPO/Inspection/Certification Team Leader/Afloat Training Groups. Duty: Staff/School/NAS. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS (MTS).
16-20	ABFCS ABFC	19.6 Yrs 15.4	MECP, STA-21, OCS, LDO, CWO, Recruiter, RDC, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Brig Duty, NAVLEAD Instructor	48	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Flight/Quality Surveillance Sup/Flight Deck Repair Sup/Below Decks Sup/Maintenance LCPO/CPO/LPO. Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS.
12-16	ABFC ABF1	15.4 Yrs 10.3		36	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Fuel Farm LPO/Fuel Farm LCPO/ 'A'/'C' School Instructor. Duty: Staff/School/NAS. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS (MTS).
8-12	ABFC ABF1	15.4 Yrs 10.3		60	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: Flight Deck Supervisor/Quality Surveillance Sup/Flight Deck Repair Sup/Flight Deck CPO/LPO/Below Deck Sup/Below Deck CPO/LPO. Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS.



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5-8	ABF2	5.4 Yrs	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, Recruiter, RDC, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty	36	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Aircraft Refueler/Ground Product Operator/Dispatcher/ Maintenance Man/ Aviation Fuels LPO/Aviation Fuels Instructor/Aviation Fuels Maintenance School/Bulk Petroleum School. Duty: Staff/School/NAS. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS (MTS).
1-5	ABF3	2.6 Yrs		55	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Flight Deck Refueling Crewman/Control Talker/Flight Deck Supervisor/Below Decks Filter Operator/Pump Room Operator/ Console Operator/Pump Room Supv. Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS.
1+/-	ABFN ABFAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit training and all schools or training events require completion prior to reporting to their first operational command.